indicating the details of Salbutamol based formulations being marketed by M|s. Glaxo under brand names is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) As per information available M|s. Glaxo are marketing Salbutamol Inhaler under generic name and, therefore, are exempt from price control in respect of this product under DPCO, 1987.

(e) No such instance has come to the notice of Government.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) and (h) The position is being ascertained.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Pack size	Government approved price without E.D. (Rs.)	Company's price without E.D. (Rs.)	
1	2	3	4	5	
1	Ventorlin Syrup . . .	112 ml Bottle	9.12	9.12	Ceiling pack
2	Ventorlin Expectorant (Manufactured by M/s. Kemwell Pvt. Ltd)	120 ml Bottle	9.88	9.88	Non-Ceiling pack
3	Ventorlin 4 mg. Caps (Manufactured by M/s. Themis Lab.)	10's	5.14	5.14	Do.
4	Ventorlin 8 mg. Caps. (Manufactured by M/s. Themis Lab.)	10's	7.33	7.33	Do.

Ceiling prices of medicines.

4590. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the ceiling prices of Ampicillin caps, Cephalexin Caps, Erythromycin Tabs, Chloramphenicol streptomicin Inj., tetracyline Caps, Chloroquin Tabs, Oxytetracycline Caps and Betamethasone Ointments before the announcement of D.P.C.O. 1987 and what are their present prices;

(b) what is the percentage increase in case of each pack and whether it is a fact that Government failed to contain the prices of these vital medicines;

(c) what steps are being contemplated to contain their prices and whether it is a fact that prices of these medicines would rise by another 30 per cent to 40 per cent if the new policy is announced;

(d) whether it is a fact that the prices of Ampicillin and Cephalexin have not been fixed by Government based on B.I.C.P. study for the last three years; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The required details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) It is not correct to say that the Government have failed to contain the prices of these medicines.

(c) In a situation of rising cost of inputs certain amount of increase in the prices is inevitable if the availability has to be ensured. The increase is relatively more in those cases having high import content, due to adjustment of exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies, partially convertibility of rupee etc. However, as far as medicines under price control are concerned, Government fixes revises the prices as per the provisions of the DPCO, 1987 after careful scrutiny and in consultation with the Bureau of Industrial Costs and prices. This mechanism ensure that the price increase approved by the Government is reasonable and actually related to the increase in input costs. It is not possible to comment at this stage if he prices of these medicines would rise by 30 per cent to 40 per cent as the changes in policy have not yet been finalised.

(d) and (e) The existing notified price of bulk drug Cephalexin is based on BICP study. As regards notified price of Ampicillin, the same is based on cost data available with the Government as cost-cum-technical study report has not been reeciv-ed so far.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Product	Pack Size	Ceiling price befor DPCO' 87 (Rs.)	Present ceiling price (Rs.)	%increase
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Ampicillin Anhydrous 250mg Capsule	4's Strip	7.32	8.82	20.49
2	Ampicillin Anhydrous 500mg Capsule	10's Strip	30.71	41.42	34.87
3	Ampicillin Trihydrate 250mg Capsule	100's	142.34	151.10	6.15
4	Caphalexin Capsules 250mg	4's	12.18	14.19	16.50
5	Caphalexin Capsules 500mg	4's	22.20	29.15	29.56
6	Erythromycin Stearate 100mg Tablets	10's	7.27	11.68	60.66
7	Erythromycin Stearate 250mg Tablets	10's	18.02	27.64	53.39
8	Chloramphenicol Capsules 100mg	12's	3.44	5.12	48.84
9	Chloramphenicol Capsules 250mg	12's	5.95	9.70	63.03
10	Streptomycin Injection	1gm vial	3.17	5.16	62.78
11	Tetracyline Capsule 250mg	10x10's Strip	N.A.	78.02	N.A.
12	Chloroquin Phosphate Tablet 250mg.	10x10's Strip.	29.13	57.82	98.4 9
13	Oxytetracycline Capsule 250mg	25x4's	52.41	63.33	20.84